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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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For: MICROWAVE PLASMA
PROCESSING SYSTEM

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

AMENDMENT

In reply to the Office Action dated May 9, 2002, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the paragraph beginning at line 15 of page 6 and ending at line 23 of page 6 as follows:

Each of the antenna waveguides 5a and 5b is formed by a rectangular waveguide, the bottom wall (H-plane) of which is formed with a plurality of slots 6a or 6b, and the proximal end (mouth) portions 7a and 7b thereof are connected to the connecting waveguide 4. The connecting waveguide 4 extends to the proximal end portion 7a of the innermost antenna waveguide 5a substantially radially with respect to the antenna waveguides 5a and 5b. The terminal end portion 4a of the connecting waveguide 4 is closed with a microwave absorber 24a.